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**To: Missoulian**

**RE: Legal Notice on Reclamation Bond Increase for McQuarrie Quarry**

Dear Editor:

Please publish the following legal notice in the next issue of your newspaper:

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is conducting a five-year comprehensive bond review for Meridian Aggregates, Inc.'s (Meridian) McQuarrie Quarry. The review will update bonding requirements pursuant to Section 82-4-338(3), MCA, of the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act (MMRA). DEQ believes that the new bonding level represents the costs of implementing the currently approved reclamation plan per the MMRA and the rules adopted under the MMRA. Meridian is currently permitted under Operating Permit 00015 from DEQ, which was issued in 1984.

The quarry is on private land in Section 17 in Township 12 North, Range 17 West in Missoula County. The quarry is located 2 miles northwest of Clinton, MT. The quarry historically produced ballast for the railroad. Now, it produces aggregates for various construction projects in the area. Meridian has a 98.2-acre permit area of which 60.4 acres are permitted for disturbance. Current disturbance at the quarry is 20.0 acres. DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond of \$239,600. DEQ has determined as part of the bond review process that less bond is required to guarantee reclamation of the current disturbance at the site. DEQ has calculated a preliminary bond determination of \$177,303 to cover reclamation costs.

A copy of the bond calculations that form the basis for the preliminary bond determination can be obtained by contacting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, P. O. Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Patrick Plantenberg at (406) 444-4960 or e-mail at [pplantenberg@mt.gov](mailto:pplantenberg@mt.gov). Public comments should be submitted to the preceding address within 30 days of this publication. A final bond determination will be issued within 30 days of the close of the public comment period.

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Please charge to DEQ # 535315, and reference EMB- 5035187

Sincerely,

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